

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, David A. Divine, on February 19, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's representative proposed a new independent claim including a microprocessor managing signals received by two different receivers of a telecommunications device. None of the cited documents disclose or suggest such a feature. The Examiner tentatively agreed that a new claim reciting such a feature would be allowable over at least the documents of record.

During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed the Office's treatment of the previously filed declaration filed on 8/6/2007 under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 (hereinafter referenced as "Declaration"). The Examiner took the position that the pending claims were not supported by the disclosure documents accompanying the Declaration, so they were not entitled to the invention date of the disclosure document. Without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's position, Applicant's representative proposed presenting new claims using the language found in the disclosure document. The Examiner tentatively agreed that a new claim finding support in the disclosure document would be entitled to the invention date alleged in the Declaration and would predate U.S. Patent No. 7,053,780 (Straub). Accordingly, Applicant herein presents new independent claims 31 and 32, which, as discussed in detail below, find direct support in the disclosure document. Thus, Straub does not qualify as art against these claims.

New claims 22-39 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview, pending an updated search by the Examiner.